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## 405th AEW Scoreboard

Current as of April 17

### AWACS

335 combat sorties  
14612.4 hours of station  
coverage  
71.83 percent mission  
capable rate

### Tankers

(As of April 22)  
522 combat sorties  
1,306 receivers  
18.7 million pounds of fuel  
offloaded since March 19  
83.3 percent mission  
capable rate

### B-ONEs

176 Operation Iraqi Freedom  
combat sorties flown  
4.56 million pounds  
of munitions dropped  
80 percent mission capable

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PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN TIA SCHROEDER

**Lt. Gen. T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley (right), Combined Forces Air Component Commander, speaks to a standing room only crowd at the Dining Facility April 14. Moseley was here to award B-1B flight crew (from left), Lt. Col. Fred Swan, Weapon System Officer, Capt. Chris Wachter, aircraft commander, Capt. Sloan Hollis, pilot, and 1st Lt. Joe Runci, offensive systems operator, the Distinguished Flying Cross for their actions to destroy a priority Baath Party leadership target on April 7.**

## Moseley updates Iraqi Freedom, awards Distinguished Flying Cross

**BY TECH. SGT. ERIC M. GRILL**  
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Lt. Gen. T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley, Operation Iraqi Freedom's Combined Forces Air Component commander, visited the base here April 14 to update the troops on Operation Iraqi Freedom and to award a B-1B flight crew the Distinguished Flying Cross for their actions over Iraq on April 7.

Moseley talked about how succinct the campaign has been, taking only 22 days to topple Saddam Hussein's regime.

"You knew from the beginning that this thing was going to go quick because there was no way an oppo-

nent can survive what we did to these guys," Moseley said. "From the very beginning we had a set of options of how we were going to start it. We took a year to plan it." He started out by telling everyone that he loves them and that everyone supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom here is part of something bigger than their individual branch of service.

"You don't see Guard, Reservists or active duty, you see Airmen," Moseley said. "At other bases you see Army, Navy, Marines and maybe some Coast Guard. Most everybody is dressed in this kind of uniform (referring to the desert flight suit the general was wearing) or [Desert Cam-

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# Fear, anxiety sometimes come in little packages

BY NANCY JO DOUBRAVA-DULL  
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FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

**FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. (AFPN) --** "Mommy, why is there war?"

"Daddy, why are there terrorists?"

Tough questions, yes. Impossible questions, not necessarily.

Our children are growing up in a different world than we did. Messages of terror can travel the Internet around the world in seconds. Rogue nations with weapons of mass destruction are the norm rather than the exception.

What is a parent to do when little ones start asking these kinds of questions.

First, don't panic. Second, tailor your answers to a child's developmental stage and age.

For example, my daughter was just shy of four years old when her father was called back to active duty for Desert Storm and Shield. She asked me the same tough questions children are asking now.

I told her gently that sometimes adults act like bullies and take things that don't belong to them, so soldiers, airmen and sailors like

daddy have to go and make those bullies behave and give back what they took.

The next question was't nearly as clear-cut: "Mommy, didn't that Saddam's mommy teach him not to take things that don't belong to him?"

My answer was, "Yes, baby, but sometimes adults forget or don't follow lessons they learned as children."

Yes, out of the mouths of babes.

Children don't have the ability to understand war in the same way adults do. Because their experience set is smaller, they can only conceive war as something that will happen in their neighborhood, to their family and at their school and play areas.

Parents should reassure them there are many people working to protect us and that generally, we are safe in our homes, schools and at play.

Children tend to look for simple answers. When explaining war, people might want to make a distinction between dropping a few bombs and a long-term war.

If children avoid talking about war, it does not necessarily mean they aren't thinking about it. But parents shouldn't give them too

much information or they risk information overload.

Limit media exposure, especially for younger children. Older children and teens might watch the news with their parents and discuss what they are seeing.

If children have trouble coping, parents should seek professional help for them. There are school counselors, counselors at Life Skills and skilled providers at Family Advocacy who can assist parents in helping their children cope with this brave new world.

In order for parents to take care of their children, they must take care of themselves.

War can be a tremendous stressor. Talk with friends and take advantage of every opportunity to network with others whose loved ones are deployed. Beyond "misery loves company," sharing fears and challenges with others going through the same thing helps normalize feelings.

For an easy way to network with others, consult with the staff of your local Family Support Center. (Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service)

## The Tent City Times is printed for people like:



**Airman 1st  
Class Aaron  
Kirchinger**

Kirchinger, a transient alert crew chief here, is deployed from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., where he works as a crew chief on the C-5 Galaxy for the 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. ERIC GRILL

## Sorting the mail



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. ERIC M. GRILL

From right -- Staff Sgt. Kimberly Derr, Senior Airman Monique Ross and Senior Airman Harley Burandt, postal workers for the 405th Expeditionary Communications Squadron here, sort an extra large amount of care packages and mail recently. Derr is from Yokota Air Base, Japan; Ross is from Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D; and Burandt is from Kadena AB, Japan.

## A letter from Senator Tom Daschle

Democratic senator from South Dakota sends thanks, appreciation

Colonel James Kowalski  
Commander, 405th Air Expeditionary Force  
U.S. Air Force

Dear Colonel Kowalski:

Just wanted to express my admiration and appreciation for your outstanding service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The mission your men flew over Baghdad (April 7) was a once-in-a-lifetime chance to make history, and, by all accounts, they performed flawlessly. Even though the flight lasted 12 minutes, I know it took untold hours of practice and preparation by dozens of people to make it all come together smoothly and quickly. I also know it represents only a fraction of your efforts.

Your success also demonstrates the integral role that you -- and the B-1B -- play in our nation's defense. You and those you lead in the 405th have our utmost gratitude for a job well done.

Tom Daschle



DEMOCRATIC SEN. TOM DASCHLE OF  
SOUTH DAKOTA



# Officials warn of flea, tick collar dangers

BY ARMY SGT. 1ST CLASS DOUG SAMPLE  
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**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** -- Pentagon officials are, once again, advising servicemembers that flea and tick collars work great on pets, but not on humans.

And officials at the Armed Forces Pest Management Board said good-intentioned citizens and family members should not include the collars in care packages to troops.

Responding to reports that people and organizations are sending pet collars to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, Army Maj. Dwight Rickard, contingency liaison officer for the board, warned of the dangers involved.

"That some organizations with good intentions were doing this concerned us," Rickard said. "Flea and tick collars are not approved for humans and, in fact, are quite detrimental to the skin. Our skin is different from that of dogs, and the pesticides tend to burn our skin."

There is also potential to absorb pesticides into the skin, which "as you can imagine, is not healthy," he said.

Flea and tick collars contain the pesticides organophosphates, carbamates, pyrethroids and organochloride. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, these chemicals may produce adverse effects and have not been tested for human use.

In September 1990, the Army's Health Services Command released a message warning that prolonged exposure to the collars could produce toxic effects in humans. Shortly thereafter, post and base exchange stores put up

signs to warn of the dangers.

In 1999, the Rand Corp., a research firm, surveyed thousands of Gulf War veterans on their use of pesticides in that war as the Defense Department searched for possible links to illnesses in Gulf War veterans. The survey did not provide definite evidence of a link to Gulf War illness, but a number of veterans had reported using pet flea and tick collars to protect themselves against insects.

From the survey data, about 3 percent of soldiers, sailors and Marines and about 1 percent of airmen serving in the Gulf are estimated to have used animal flea and tick collars. The survey stated that most veterans who used flea collars wore them over their clothes or shoes, which helped minimize exposure to the active ingredient.

However, Rickard said the best way to protect against fleas and ticks is to use measures found in AFPMB Technical Guide-36, titled "Personal Protective Measures Against Insects." The guide describes DOD's insect repellent system and other techniques to ward off fleas, ticks and chiggers.

Rickard emphasized that the collars work very well on dogs, but hardly at all on humans.

"If you put them on a humans, the fleas and ticks won't go near the collar, but they will go everywhere else," he said.

To learn more about the insect repellent system, visit the pest management board's Web site at <http://www.afpmb.org>.

## The Last Goodbye



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JERA T. STUBBLEFIELD

**ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN)** -- The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard marches behind the caisson carrying Maj. Gregory L. Stone at Arlington National Cemetery on April 17. Stone was the first Air Force casualty of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was assigned to the Idaho Air National Guard's 124th Wing.

# Airman's view of Iraq changes after trip to Bashur



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. KEITH REED

**Tech. Sgt. Steve Fausili, a combat cameraman, works the flightline at Bashur Airfield in northern Iraq. Assigned to the 1st Combat Camera Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., Fausili said what saw on television before arriving in Iraq is a sharp contrast to what he is experiencing in the country.**

BY LOUIS A. ARANA-BARRADAS  
AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

**OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM --** For a combat cameraman from upstate New York, a six-hour ride from Kirkuk to Bashur Airfield in northern Iraq, was an eye-opening experience he will not forget.

Trained to look for and document with his camera those moments that tell a story, Tech. Sgt. Steve Faulisi said he put away his camera and just took in what he saw.

He became part of the story and excitement unfolding in Iraq. What snapshots he took were from his moving Humvee of a changing country and were for the people back home.

"What struck me most was how the people, especially the kids, ran from their homes just to wave at us, to give us the peace sign," said Faulisi, of the 1st Combat Camera Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. "Every one was smiling. That made me feel good, like we were really wanted, appreciated."

What he had seen on television back home before he came to Iraq was a sharp contrast to what he experienced once in the country. On the television news each night, all he had seen were screaming, U.S.-flag burning demonstrators in other Middle East countries.

He did not see that on his long ride to Bashur.

"I saw a lot of kids waving home-made U.S. flags," Fausili, of Corning, N.Y., said. "I can remember saying, 'Wow! This is crazy.' And it brought a lump to my throat."

Faulisi left Bashur for Kirkuk on an Army 5-ton truck, part of a long convoy. He went there to document the resupply of the Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade at an Iraqi air base. He returned in another convoy, only this time in a Humvee.

The images he saw etched themselves in his mind forever. They will provide a lifetime of "war stories" he can recount to his family, especially to his 13-year-old daughter, Danielle, and 10-year-old son, Anthony.

In his 20-year Air Force career, Fausili has never put his camera down for as long as he did on this trip. The events around him took his mind off taking pictures.

"When I did pick up the camera, it was to take a happy snap, something to remind me of the moment," he said. "Something to show my family."

At the Iraqi air force base, Fausili saw gutted and looted offices and buildings. There was a dilapidated MiG fighter on display at the entrance to the base. Everywhere he looked, there were signs of destruction, but the U.S. bombing campaign had not caused it.

"To me, it looked like it was just the locals taking things they'd been deprived of for so long," he said. "I saw people hauling desks and office equipment."

Some of the soldiers he was riding with told him they had seen hundreds of Iraqi uniforms on the ground, abandoned by the soldiers who wore them. They also saw many complete chemical protection suits and munitions on the ground.

"It was like everyone just took off their uniforms and got the hell out of Dodge," he said. "Maybe it was because the Kurds had taken over the base."

Driving out of the base and the city, there were massive traffic jams at control points along the road. The Kurdish guards waved the American convoy through.

"They didn't know who I was, or what rank I was," said Faulisi. "They just saluted me. That (was) pretty good, and I saluted them back as a sign of respect."

On the road were people everywhere, standing around at coffee shops, gas stations and sidewalks, waving at the passing Americans. There were many cars on the road.

"Our Humvee cut some guy off the road but he didn't take offense," Fausili said. "He just beeped his horn, smiled and gave us the thumbs up sign."

Fausili said he did not have a clue as to what to expect when he got to Iraq, but he knew it would not be like what he saw on television so he did not draw any conclusions.

"When you think of Iraq, the first thing that comes into your mind is what you see on the news — a lot of sand and desert. ... But up north, it's green and mountainous. I saw some beautiful scenery," he said.

The waving and cheering for the Americans in the convoy continued during the whole six-hour ride back to Bashur.

"At one village, I saw some kids running break neck to wave at us," he said. They just dropped what they were doing. They were jumping up and down, so happy to see us."

Many Americans view the Iraqis as the enemy. The media sometimes paints that picture. Fausili said he never saw the Iraqi people as the enemy — just the Saddam Hussein regime.

In the beginning, Fausili did view Iraqis, "with some suspicion." That view has changed forever. What he saw in six short hours were a people trying to throw off 30 years of oppression, make a living and raise a family, like he is. "These people are trying to get on with their lives, I see that now," he said. "They know they don't have to fear Saddam Hussein ever again."

# Why do we fight? A commanders perspective

BY COL. MARSHALL SABOL

321ST AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING COMMANDER

**OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (AFP)** -- Now that we've been involved in the war on terrorism for some time through operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, I think it's important to reflect on why we fight.

I was working on this article when I received an e-mail from a very good friend of mine. He was in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11 when it was hit -- his words to me, to us, hit the mark:

"I am sitting in the comfort of a beautiful home, safe and secure, due in large part to what you and your team are doing today. I send my heartfelt thanks to you for the sacrifice that you and your wonderful group of young people are offering up to our country. I pray daily for the safe return of all of you. I also pray for the innocents that are in the way of your difficult work.

"How does a country like ours have the great fortune to have dedicated people like you and your command in our service? How can we thank you and your families enough for all that they have been asked to bear?

"As you know, my service to our country was with the 3rd infantry at Arlington in the late 60's. Back then,

late at night, I would see the faces of those we had put to rest and know first hand the dangers that all of our troops must be experiencing today.

"At night these days I see the faces of the men in uniform who came to our rescue in the buildings on 9/11. Arlington did not prepare me for the river of tears that were shed here in New York over the last 16 months.

"The justice that I feel that all of you are delivering today warms my troubled soul. I believe all those who were lost that day would send you their gratitude as well.

"I think of how proud I was to give a few years to my country's service. I now feel the same kind of pride when I reflect upon all the people we have in uniform today in harm's way. It gives me a great deal of comfort to know there are dedicated professionals like you and your team that this country can call upon, in our time of need.

"I lost many friends on 9/11. I truly believe that what you are doing for us today is making us all a lot safer. I also believe that you are making those who don't like us more reflective of the consequence of their actions.

"God bless you. God bless all in your command. God Bless America. "Survivor WTC 9/11"

Let us never forget why we fight. I salute you and am proud to be in this fight with you, and leave you with this quote, one by Abraham Lincoln:

"Our reliance is in the love of liberty ... Our defense is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere."

## This week in History

PROVIDED BY MASTER SGT. ROBERT ROMANELLI  
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### April 20

7th AF B-24s made the first attack on Tarawa in 1943.

### April 21

Lts T.D. Milling and H.H. Arnold ordered to Dayton, Ohio for flying instructions in 1911.

### April 22

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. accompanied by two officers made a balloon ascent lasting 4 hrs. 30 min., in 1908.

### April 23

GAM-77 strategic missile launched for the first time from a B-52 in 1959.

### April 24

The Air Force used an orbiting satellite for the first time to transmit TV photographs in 1962.

### April 25

8th AF made its last attack on an industrial target during World War II in 1945.

### April 26

Maj. P.J. Gilmore and Lt. W.T. Smith became the first Air Force crew to destroy a MiG-21 in 1966.

## Quote of the Week

I don't know how many birthdays and anniversary's we've missed. When you think about that for 12-years, it has gone really quick We're going to get assets out of here as quick as we can We need to get these assets home because we've been here for 12 years.

Lt. Gen. T. Michael Buzz Moseley, Combined Air Forces  
Component commander

# Think Safety



## A reminder from the 405th AEW Safety office

This time of a combat deployment can actually be the most dangerous. With combat operations winding down and speculations abound about going home, folks can easily get distracted, lose focus and become complacent. All personnel must remind themselves of the commander's first goal - everyone goes home. We are not home yet and our goal of everyone going home is not yet accomplished. Stay focused.

Remember - Is it Dumb? Is it Different? Is it Dangerous?

### Area 51 Movie Schedule

#### Wednesday, April 23

K-9 PI (PG-13) 2 pm  
Batman Returns (PG-13) 4:10pm  
Kate and Leopold (PG-13) 6:30pm  
The Four Feathers (PG-13) 8:45pm  
Next Friday (R) 11 pm

#### Thursday, April 24

Tuck Everlasting (PG) 1:05pm  
Legion of the Dead (R) 4:10pm  
Arthur (PG) 8:30pm  
WWF: No Way Out (R) 10:15pm

#### Friday, April 25

War Games (PG) 2:30pm  
Steel Magnolias (PG) 4:45pm  
Indecent Proposal (R) 8:30pm  
Baby Boy (R) 10:45pm

#### Saturday, April 26

NARC (R) 10am  
Formula 51 (R) 12:30pm  
Half Pasted Dead (R) 2pm  
Daredevil (PG-13) 4:10 pm  
Chasing Papi (PG-13) 8pm  
8 Mile (R) 10:15pm

#### Sunday, April 27

NARC (R) 1am  
Half Pasted Dead (R) 3:25am  
Daredevil (PG-13) 6am  
Empire (R) 10am  
Simone (PG-13) 12:30pm  
How to Lose a Guy (PG-13) 2pm  
Empire (R) 4:10pm  
Gods and Generals  
Parts 1 and 2 (PG-13) 8pm

#### Monday, April 28

Simone (PG-13) 1am  
How to Lose a Guy (PG-13) 3:25am  
Simone (PG-13) 6am

**All movies and times  
are subject to change**

## 405th Services Squadron

"When you work, we work. When you play, we work harder!"



### Dining Facility Special meal

**Wednesday, April 23rd Italian Dinner** - Lasagna, Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Mozzarella sticks w/ Marinara Sauce, Peas w/ onions

### Dustbowl Recreation Schedule from April 20 through May 3

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Darts 501 Tournament 1000 & 1900	Bingo 0800 & 2000	KARAOKE 2000-2300	Ultimate Frisbee 1200 Pizza/Block Party 1800 CC VS Chiefs/Shirts Limo Night 2000
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Horseshoes Tournament 1000 & 1900	Obi 8-ball Tournament 1000-1900	Dominoes Tournament 1000 & 1900 Trivia Night 2000-2200	Ping Pong Tournament 1000 & 1900	Bingo 0900 & 2000	KARAOKE 2000-2300	Country Night 2100

*All events and times subject to change*

# Moseley: The major fighting is over, the war is not

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oufrage Uniforms] and you can't really tell what branch they're with unless you read their uniforms that say U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, etc...”

The general said that although major fighting is over, the war with Iraq is not over.

“We're in a different phase now that is going to be a little tougher,” he said. “The Army has a tough job ahead of them. They've got to stabilize (Iraq) and make it livable. I've got to tell you though, it looks a whole lot more livable then it did in the beginning of March. There's people coming out into the streets; there's people coming out to the open businesses...none of that was possible before March.”

Speaking of both Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, Moseley said, “You guys are all a part of an operation that I think is something special on a historic context because you're part of an operation to take out two rogue regimes. In your career that is two countries. A lot of people spend 30 years in the military and don't get to take out one country. Not bad work. You guys have been a part of that from the beginning.”

General Moseley also talked about how history was made recently using B-1B Lancers, B-52 Stratofortresses and B-2 Spirit bombers.

“Who'd have thought that we could have B-1s, B-52s and B-2s all in downtown Baghdad at the same time hitting multiple targets simultaneously,” Moseley asked. “No other country in the world can do that.”

No other air force in the world can maintain this type of connectivity with command and control and deliver the types of munitions that we're delivering in the conditions that we're all operating; at the ranges that we're operating from, then the U.S. Air Force with the partnership of the Navy and Marines.

LT. GEN. T. MICHAEL “BUZZ” MOSELEY

Speaking of the command and control platforms the Air Force has at its disposal, Moseley referenced the E-3 Sentrys stationed here supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

“We don't do anything without command and control,” he said. “We have to have our eyes out there, we have to be able to see and analyze the information and pass that info to the [combined air operations center] and be able to make decisions based on that information. That is a sizeable commitment for command and control.

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ranges that we're operating from, then the U.S. Air Force with the partnership of the Navy and Marines,” he said.

He finished his speech talking about combat experience.

Between Operation Desert Storm; Bosnia; Afghanistan and now Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Air Force has the most combat experienced Air Force in the world, he said. The same can be said about the Navy.

General Moseley also presented B-1 flight crew, Lt. Col. Fred Swan, Weapon System Officer; Capt. Chris Wachter, aircraft commander; Capt. Sloan Hollis, pilot; and 1st Lt. Joe Runci, offensive systems operator, the Distinguished Flying Cross for their actions to destroy a priority Ba'ath Party leadership target on April 7. The citation accompanying the award read that the crew's actions marked the beginning of the rapid collapse of the Iraqi regime and the fall of Baghdad.

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## Operation Iraqi Freedom In the first 20 days of OIF, Airmen:

- Flew more than 4,200 aerial refueling sorties, or 65 percent of the coalition total.
- Flew more than 18,000 sorties, or 58 percent of the coalition total
- Flew about 7,200 strike and counterair sorties, or 43 percent of the coalition total.
- Flew more than 18,000 sorties, or 58 percent of the coalition total.